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## **2000 EQUINE SURVEY**

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### **Equine Survey Planned for New York**

The New York equine industry is targeted for a major survey in 2000, announced Steve Ropel, State Statistician for the New York Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2000 Equine Survey will document changes from the last survey done in 1988 and will provide information to help quantify the economic contribution of horses, ponies, mules and donkeys to New York agriculture.

Updating statistics from 1988 is important for New York equine owners and businesses as industry leaders suspect major changes have occurred during the past 12 years. This survey will:

- Report on the size and economic importance of equine in the state.
- Provide accurate data for the industry to use in making decisions related to horses and owners.
- Document changes in the industry.
- Provide data that may contribute to development of educational and recreational programs.

Efforts are underway presently to develop a list of places that stable equine. Steve Ropel says "We are targeting places stabling animals rather than the owners to reduce the potential for counting the same animal more than once." Horse clubs, organizations and veterinarians were asked to provide their lists of places with horses.

Data collection will take place in late summer to early fall and will be done in several steps. Owners and stables are encouraged to look for their survey in the mail. "We hope everyone will complete their survey and return it promptly", says Ropel. "A successful survey depends on the help of everyone who keeps equine. Final numbers are only as accurate as the information collected." he continued.

Results of the survey will be tabulated this fall and a publication is planned for early 2001. This survey is supported by equine and farm organizations throughout New York. Primary funding comes from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

For additional information visit the Ag Statistics website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny> and click the **2000 Equine Survey** button, call (800)821-1276 or send an e-mail to '[nass-ny@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-ny@nass.usda.gov)'.